

Upper
Provo
River

Our attention is directed to the Summit Furniture and Merc. with its long years of service on the site where William Smith taught school. Likewise to the Co-op Corner where Mrs. Wilde held her school. It was here that George Beard so ably and long served all people. It is now occupied by Bullock's Inc. A short distance to the south from here we enter the Morby Store. Alma Eldredge once operated a store here. Many places come to our mind—Johnson Jewelry Store, Smith and Wilde, Simister and Wright Music Store, Miners Cooperative Store etc.

These peaks bear testimony of strong and commendable individuals—Dr. O. W. French in 1899 began a career of professional service which in volume and success is seldom surpassed. Then came Drs. Emmett, Alley, Pate, Crisp, Taylor and Rich Brothers. John W. Simister stood out in music; George Beard in art and chorister work. David Barber also was chorister. Then Mrs. Judith Anderson Beard who led in music for many years. Hugh Neeley an outstanding county attorney. Dentists Dr. Wilford A. C. Visick. Now the one we all know so well Dr. Frank J. Reese.

May the black of your deep footing
And the yellow of cottonwood trees
Stimulate a type of breeding
That could reach the far flung seas.
(The Peaks)

STEWART RANCH

(A "Home Sweet Home" in Pine Valley)

Pine Valley in the Uintas is that picturesque stretch of the North Fork of the Provo River, which reaches north from the confluence of the North and South Forks, to Shingle Creek.

Back in the 19th century, when real grey wolves were about, the Lambert Brothers of Kamas mowed hay there, to be fed to cattle in early winter. Later in century it was homesteaded or ranched in four parcels by four individuals.

The turn of the century saw Prof. William M. Stewart of the University of Utah riding down this valley from its upper end. The beauty and tranquility of the Valley, with its meadow, stream and timber setting enthralled the professor. He could not rest until his three brother Attorneys—Charles Biekley, Samuel White and Bernard Joseph came and joined him in buying the entire valley from its possessors.

The new owners soon joined together in an organization—Stewart Ranch. "The property in the Valley has been continuously owned ever since by the Stewarts or their descendants. The Stewart Ranch Company is an active operation and now includes the Reynolds Ranch on the road between Francis and Woodland and other acreage in that vicinity.

Lester and Verner Hewlett purchased some of the land, particularly on the extreme south, adjoining the highway to Wolf Creek Pass, and operated the Hewlett Ranch until Ed Clyde purchased it and now operates it as the Diamond X Ranch.

The following Stewarts have homes in Pine Valley—Isaac M. Stewart, who is very actively engaged in Stewart Ranch operations; George R. Stewart, Josephine Stewart Howells (Mrs. John F. Howells, Jr.), Romney Stewart, Elizabeth Stewart Van Wagoner (wife of the late Earl Van Wagoner), Margaret Stewart Hewlett (wife of the late Lester F. Hewlett), Kaherine Stewart Miller, Byron John Stewart, Nora Stewart Snow (wife of Dr. Robert Snow), Ruth Stewart Romney (wife of Junius S. Romney), and Harold Silver, husband of the late Madelyn Stewart Silver.

For almost 65 years the Stewart Ranch has been a prominent ranching operation in the High Uintas and is beloved by all the Stewarts who call it their "home sweet home."